

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. A vacuum cleaner assembly for attaching a filter bag to a receptacle, the receptacle including an inlet, the assembly comprising:
 - a filter bag retainer;
 - a first fitting extending from outside the receptacle through the inlet, through the filter bag retainer, and into the filter bag; and,
 - a second fitting engaging the filter bag retainer to trap the first fitting adjacent to the filter bag retainer.
2. The vacuum cleaner assembly defined in claim 1, wherein the filter bag retainer comprises first and second slots for receiving a plate on the filter bag.
3. The vacuum cleaner assembly defined in claim 1, wherein the filter bag retainer further comprises a threaded cylinder forming a retainer aperture, wherein the threaded cylinder is inserted through the inlet.
4. The vacuum cleaner assembly defined in claim 1, wherein the filter bag retainer comprises a first threaded aperture, and the second fitting comprises a second threaded aperture, the first threaded aperture is adapted to pass through the inlet and couple to the second threaded aperture.
5. The vacuum cleaner assembly defined in claim 1, wherein the second fitting is further adapted to hold a hose adjacent to the inlet fitting.
6. (canceled)

7. The vacuum cleaner assembly defined in claim 1, further comprising a hose, wherein the hose comprises a grooved aperture, the first fitting comprises a ridged member, and the grooved aperture couples to the ridged member.

8. The vacuum cleaner assembly defined in claim 1, wherein the receptacle comprises a tank.

9. (canceled)

10. (canceled)

11. (new) The vacuum cleaner assembly defined in claim 1, wherein the first fitting comprises a first ridged member, the filter bag retainer comprises a threaded cylinder and a first abutment, the second fitting comprises a threaded inner surface and a second abutment, and the assembly is adapted to loosely trap the first ridged member between the first abutment and the second abutment as the threaded inner surface is tightened on to the threaded cylinder.